

To: Hestmark, Martin[Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov]
From: Card, Joan
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 9:43:09 PM
Subject: Re: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

So it's more than an upset it sounds like. It will be ongoing until it's fixed. Correct?

Joan Card
Senior Policy Advisor
Region 8

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 3:32 PM, Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov> wrote:

Hays is drafting likely a more comprehensive statement about last notes Navajo observation but in short we can't say whether the mine is stable but Hayes indicates this was likely human error on construction of the spillway on the second sediment ponds

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 2:42 PM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
Date: August 10, 2015 at 2:31:08 PM MDT
To: "Zito, Kelly" <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
Cc: "Card, Joan" <Card.Joan@epa.gov>, "Keener, Bill" <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>, "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

Same

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 4:12 PM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV> wrote:

That's good for R9 - thanks

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 1:08 PM, "Card, Joan" <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

I would say "may depend" since we don't know the fate and transport of the plume or the effect of the Navajo Dam releases.

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On Aug 10, 2015, at 2:04 PM, Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov> wrote:

How about something like this:

"Many have asked when access to the Animas and San Juan Rivers will be restored for such activities and uses as rafting, fishing, irrigation, and drinking water intake. EPA, tribal, state and local officials are coordinating these decisions based on risk screening levels, sampling data, and other related factors. We do not anticipate any reopening decisions until at least Friday, August 14. The timing of these decisions could vary among local, state and tribal governments based on local conditions and by uses. **And they will also vary by river segment, since the impacts to the river system depends on their distance from the source of the contamination at the mine.** Until notified otherwise, people should continue to abide by existing closures."

Bill Keener

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From: Zito, Kelly
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Keener, Bill
Subject: FW: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

Can you help with this?

I'm trying to get info for Cong and press calls together...

From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:47 PM
To: Zito, Kelly
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Yes, please.

From: Zito, Kelly
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: Fwd: Draft language Re: Reopening of the Rivers

Liz - Can we tweak to mention something about the different segments of the river, a la Jared's comments on the call?

Thanks-

Kelly

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Blumenfeld, Jared"
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Date: August 10, 2015 at 12:38:39 PM PDT
To: "Zito, Kelly" <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
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Below is draft language that we would like to share with local, state, tribal officials on the 2:00 MST call, and ultimately with the media on the 3:00 MST call.

Please provide edits ASAP. (NOTE: it is also being vetted through the JIC and I am coordinating with them. We have agreement with our state and local officials here.)

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